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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6158

BILL NUMBER: HB 1011

DATE PREPARED: Nov 12, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Sex Offender Registry.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: *Sex Offender Registry* - This bill requires that a recent photograph and home address of an individual convicted of certain sex offenses and other crimes be included in publications of the sex and violent offender registry.

Local Registration - The bill requires a local law enforcement authority to publish a photograph of an offender on an Internet site maintained by or for the local law enforcement authority. It requires a local law enforcement authority to request permission to publish a photograph of an offender in a local periodical and broadcast a photograph on a local television station.

Effective Date: July 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Sex Offender Registry*- The Criminal Justice Institute would experience an increase in expenses due to this provision of the bill.

Under current Indiana law, the Institute is not required to publish on its registry: 1) a recent photograph of the offender; or 2) the home address of the offender. The Institute would be required to do so in light of this bill. (Currently, the Institute publishes the name and offense of the offender, as well as other related items.)

In order to provide a photograph and the home address of the offender to Access Indiana for Internet posting, the Institute would be required to enhance its existing database in which it stores sex offender information. The specific cost is currently indeterminable and could possibly require the help of outside contractors. The requirements for scanning photographs for incorporation into the Institute's database are restrictive and would limit the quality of photographs posted on the site.

Background: The Institute reports that, currently, there are approximately 12,000 entries on the Registry.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Local Registration-* Local law enforcement agencies would experience an increase in administrative expenses due to this provision of the bill.

Under current Indiana law, local law enforcement agencies are required to report sex offender registrations to the Institute for dissemination to the public via Access Indiana. (In addition, the Institute makes available paper copies of the Registry to the following entities: 1) school corporations; 2) nonpublic schools; 3) various state agencies; and 4) certain child care facilities.)

Local law enforcement agencies would be required to publish a photograph of an offender on an Internet site that is maintained by or for the local law enforcement agency. In addition, local law enforcement agencies would be required to notify local media and request that a photograph of the offender be published in a local periodical and broadcast on a local television station. (Local law enforcement officials would also be required to accept recent photographs of offenders to process and deliver to the Institute.)

The specific effects of this portion of the bill are currently indeterminable and would vary between local law enforcement agencies.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Criminal Justice Institute.

Local Agencies Affected: Law Enforcement Agencies.

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